

House Resolution 1572

By: Representative Powell of the 29<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Officer Scott Stowe; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Officer Scott Stowe is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and  
3 state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication  
4 to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, on November 15, 2008, Officer Stowe observed a suspicious person while on  
6 his routine patrol, and, when he approached, the individual fled on foot; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Stowe immediately called for back-up and pursued the suspect into a  
8 wooded area where, with the help of two other officers and after a physical struggle, the  
9 suspect was apprehended and placed in custody; and

10 WHEREAS, during the entire incident, Officer Stowe was unaware that the individual he  
11 encountered was Georgia State Prison escapee Johnny Mack Brown, who was serving a  
12 life-plus-70-year sentence and had vowed not to be taken back to jail alive; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Stowe demonstrated great courage as he placed his own safety on the  
14 line in order to apprehend a dangerous criminal and prevent future harm to civilians; and

15 WHEREAS, due to Officer Stowe's courage and bravery on that November day in 2008, he  
16 was awarded the Medal of Valor, the highest honor to be bestowed upon a Lavonia Police  
17 Officer; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
19 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Officer Stowe and all local law  
20 enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by  
23 Officer Scott Stowe in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and congratulate him  
24 on earning the Medal of Valor Award from the Lavonia Police Department.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Officer Scott Stowe.